

THE BAHAMAS GOLF CLASSIC AT ATLANTIS PARADISE ISLAND

ROUND 4 QUOTES
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HANK LEBIODA



Q. Hank, what does this win mean to you being back on the Korn Ferry Tour, finishing 75th last year and getting this win to start the year?

HANK LEBIODA: I'm just proud, really proud. A lot of work went into getting ready for this year and getting ready for this event. Very fortunate it all clicked, all clicked at the right time. You have to get a certain degree of luck in order to get a win and really appreciate that it happened.

Q. John was sitting on a pretty big lead. At what point today did you look at a leaderboard and really realize how firmly in contention you were?

HANK LEBIODA: I knew I was in contention, I didn't know to what extent. I had my caddie, Jerry, be on that. I told him, I said speak to me as if I don't know, don't tell me exactly what I need to do but guide me as if I didn't know. We got up to the 18th tee and he said you need birdie to win. I said all right, gas is on the right.

Q. And the playoff hole, just sort of walk me through everything. I mean, SH in the bunker and hits a great shot. What were you thinking after that?

HANK LEBIODA: I was -- I had a wedge in hand, that's what I was shooting for. That's what I consider my bread and butter in my game. Just, from where I could tell, looked like it got a nice bounce, stopped really quick and yeah, that's it.

Q. I mean, is that a shot you've practiced probably a million times?

HANK LEBIODA: Yeah, it's a pitching wedge. I hit a few of them in my work. Yeah, it was a good number that Jerry and I came up with and committed to it, hit the shot and ball did the rest.

Q. Last season you finished I think a top-10 late in the year and finished -- made a big cut at Nationwide to make sure you finished 75th. When you look back on that, I mean, how big was that last month of the season for you last year?

HANK LEBIODA: It was big. I don't know if I would want to experience it again, but what is it, what doesn't break you makes you stronger? Yeah, I knew I was trending in the right direction at that time of the year. I happened to have a good reset with the family, with the



boys and start working again come December when Q-School came around and beginning of the season.

Q. And you got your Tour card a couple times from the Korn Ferry Tour before. What's it mean to actually win this time?

HANK LEBIODA: It's cool. You don't win very much in this game. Unless you're Tiger, you really don't win that much. So I'm sure it will take a little bit for it to sink in and for me to fully understand, write down some feelings I had from the week. Right now it's proud, excited, happy, all of it.

Q. And how big is this with the season this year with only 20 cards available, how big is this to get 500 points this early in the year?

HANK LEBIODA: Yeah, it's just the first step. It's a long season, a lot of golf left to be played. Glad I took the biggest step I could at the beginning.

Q. It was quite the celebration coming down here to the green. How was that to kind of be paraded?

HANK LEBIODA: So out of place, I felt so out of place. Oh, man, I'm glad my wife wasn't here to laugh at me and see that. But no, that band was cool, band was really neat. The two ladies at the front kind of helped guide me and kind of get me to loosen up my hands a little bit. It's not natural for me, so I did my best. I tried. Probably not that great of an effort if I'm being honest, but it was neat, it was cool.

Q. We got sent this video that we would like to show you.

HANK LEBIODA: That's my wife, Mary, son Henry, son Hayes. Yeah, they're my everything. So proud.

Q. How cool is it just to kind of see their reaction to your win on television?

HANK LEBIODA: It was neat, it was really neat. It's not something that -- like I said, we don't win very much, it's not something that's going to happen all the time. To have them watch it even though they're not here, it's cool.

Q. Have you been able to talk to them since you kind of came off the green here?

HANK LEBIODA: Not yet.

Q. What do you think the first thing you're going to say to them is?

HANK LEBIODA: Oh, gosh, I have no idea. Henry will probably be asking about a souvenir, what I'm bringing home to him. Hayesie will be running around screaming. Haven't got there



yet.

Q. Are you bringing a souvenir back for Henry?

HANK LEBIODA: He wants a little airplane, he wants a little toy airplane. We'll see.

